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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Pelath*

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A RESOLUTION memorializing Joe W. Hawkins.

*Whereas, Joe W. Hawkins was born November 1, 1937, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Jake and Ruby Hawkins;*

*Whereas, Joe W. Hawkins married Maxine, his devoted and loving wife of 40 years, on March 30, 1966;*

*Whereas, Joe W. Hawkins was a lifelong servant of his community, a respected leader in business and government, and a tireless advocate of the proposition that all men are created equal;*

*Whereas, Joe W. Hawkins, a graduate of Purdue University*

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*and a veteran of the United States Air Force, served as a probation officer in LaPorte County before being appointed as the first director of the Michigan City Human Rights Commission;*

*Whereas, Joe W. Hawkins worked for 19 years as the human resource director of Weil-McLain in Michigan City where he helped countless local residents gain new economic opportunities; and*

*Whereas, Joe W. Hawkins was a devoted husband, brother, father, and grandfather who will be remembered as a man who always had the courage to speak the truth and worked tirelessly to create a better life for African Americans in his community: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives expresses
- 2           its deepest sympathy to the Hawkins family and recognizes the life,
- 3           achievements, and good works of Joe W. Hawkins.
- 4           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5           Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to his wife Maxine,
- 6           sons Devin Hawkins and Brian Metcalf, and daughters Deborah Fox,
- 7           Desiree Nichols, and Delora Hawkins.

